IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORIGINAL SIDE

WRIT PETITION (PIL) NO.2347 OF 2003

Priyankush Jain — Petitioner
vs.
Union of India & ors. — Respondents

None for the petitioner.

Mr.Y.R.Mishra with Mr. D.A.Dube i/b.Dr.T.C.Kaushik for the respondent no.1.

Mr.Amjad Sayyed, A.G.P. for the respondents 2 and 3.

Mrs.P.A.Purandare for the Mumbai Municipal Corporation.

CORAM : R. M. LODHA &
A.S.BAGGA, JJ.

DATED : 22nd June, 2006

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An affidavit of Mr.P.A.Naringrekar, Superintendent of Gardens has been filed by the Municipal Corporation for Greater Mumbai (for short, 'the Corporation'). Interalia, in the said affidavit the details have been given regarding plantation and maintenance of trees. It is stated that in the year 1976, there were 35727 trees only in the city of Mumbai which has now increased to 2,08,096 because of plantation of trees and the maintenance by the Corporation. It is stated that in the last 5 years, 90,770 trees have been planted along with the road sides and in open spaces in Municipal area. The information regarding plantation and maintenance of trees and list of types of trees required

to be planted with specific norms are contained in the booklet issued by the Tree Authority and the Corporation. We are satisfied with the efforts made by the Tree Authority and the Corporation with regard to the plantation of trees and the maintenance.

2. Though the petitioner has sought for certain directions that the students from standard VIth to IXth be made to plant one sapling each and should take care of it for initial three months and teachers should be given short-term training courses on Environment and/or tree plantation and few other directions, we are afraid such directions cannot be given.

3. We hope that in ensuing monsoon, the Tree Authority shall take steps in planting as many trees as it could within the Municipal area of Mumbai.

4. With the aforesaid observations, writ petition is disposed of.

(R.M. LODHA,J.)

(A.S. BAGGA,J.)